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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

To the Legislative Audit Committee of the Montana State Legislature:

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the state of Montana for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 2001. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133 *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

This report is intended for the information of the Legislative Audit Committee, state of Montana management, the Montana State Legislature, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)

James Gillett, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

March 19, 2001